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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **Winter Storm Warning**

The National Weather Service in Grand Rapids has issued a Winter Storm Warning for Mid-Michigan, including the City of Lansing, effective 10:00 AM today through 4:00 PM tomorrow. Heavy wet snow in combination with strong wind will make travel conditions very poor for the Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning commutes. Additionally, there is potential for power outages from downed trees and limbs. Stay away from downed power lines. For the safety of our employees, the City of Lansing will be releasing all non-essential personnel at 1:00 PM, today.

Mayor Virg Bernero, COO Chad Gamble, Emergency Management Chief Mike Tobin will be available in the City Hall Lobby at 2:00 PM today for any questions from the media.

The City of Lansing and the Lansing Emergency Operations Center is actively preparing for and monitoring the incoming weather. Emergency Services and Public Service crew are ready to respond.

To stay safe during this weather event:

- Minimize travel. If travel is necessary, slow down and give yourself extra time. Call ahead to make sure the event or activity has not been cancelled.
- If you are stranded, do not leave your vehicle. Stay in your vehicle and wait for help.
- Keep a full tank of gas and an emergency preparedness kit in your vehicle. Put warm clothing—such as gloves, blankets and hats—in your kit in case you become stranded.
- Please do not park on City streets. This will aid in plowing efforts to clear streets.
- Be very careful while shoveling snow. This is a very wet, heavy snow and can cause considerable physical stress on the body, especially for people with heart and lung conditions.
- Check heating units. Poorly operating or damaged heating units can release carbon monoxide gas. Test carbon monoxide detectors for proper operation and battery life. Do not use alternative heating devices indoors.
- If you lose power, do not leave candles unattended and do not use generators indoors or in enclosed places.
- Check on family, friends and neighbors who are at risk and may need additional assistance.
- Check and restock your emergency preparedness kit. If you don't have a kit, make one.

Additional resources:

- Citizens who need assistance or guidance during this event are encouraged to call 211.
- To report a power outage to Lansing Board of Water and Light, visit [www.lbwl.com/outagecenter](http://www.lbwl.com/outagecenter).
- Sign-up to receive Nixle updates regarding snow street maintenance and plowing updates from the Lansing Public Service Department at [www.local.nixle.com/lansing-public-service](http://www.local.nixle.com/lansing-public-service).
- Additional updates can be found on the City of Lansing's [website](http://www.lansingmi.gov), [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/lansingmi) and [Twitter](https://twitter.com/lansingmi).
- For more information about being prepared for an emergency, visit [www.Do1Thing.com](http://www.Do1Thing.com).

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